

SCDXC Newsletter



The Southern California DX Club is a group of dedicated men and women active in the amateur radio community who enjoy communicating over the air with other radio amateurs around the world.

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Club meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM except April, June, and December.

Please check the club web site for events and details at:

<http://www.scdxc.org>

If you are in the area please say hello on our repeater:

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If you need him get in there and work him"



April Announcements

April is IDXC at Visalia Month!!!!



The convention starts in two weeks! There is still time to join the fun. To date there are 558 attendees, 55 SCDXC members and plus ones, 50 friends of SCDXC (including SDDXC members) and 35 DX hams! It is going to be a great convention. The prize committee has rounded up some great prizes as well!

Check out the website and register!

<http://www.dxconvention.com/index.html>

OK2ZI Needs a Ride to Visalia

OK2ZI is arriving at LAX at 8:38pm on Thursday night, April 11, and is looking for a ride to Visalia. If you know anyone near LAX who could put him up and give him a ride on Friday, let one of the board members know.

Skip Bolnick, KJ6Y Hits the Top of the Honor Roll!

At the last meeting Larry, K6YUI announced that he did some research on Skip's electronic log and LoTW. He found two entities that Skip overlooked. They were the last two entities that Skip needed for the top of the honor roll!!! Skip owes Larry a drink at Visalia.

Congratulations to you Skip, it is a lifetime achievement and you deserve it! Now when are you going to North Korea so many of us can finish our honor roll top!

Mark Weiss, K6FG, Tops Out 5BWAZ!

Mark worked the last two zones needed on 80 meters to complete the 200 band zones required for the top of 5BWAZ. This is another lifetime achievement.

We have heard about a new ham cruise of the Korean Peninsula including a free ham tour in North Korea with operating privileges at the new state run P5FG contest station in the Pyongyang Luxury Residence. Does this sound interesting Mark?... Come on!

Steve Harrison, K0XP, Achieves DXCC!

At the same meeting Steve stood up and announced that after 50 years of hamming he received his first DXCC certificate. He was met with rousing cheers as he unrolled the certificate and held it above his head. Congratulations Steve! We need more members like you! It is exciting to work DX and age or years of activity should not discourage us from chasing those elusive rare ones! Welcome to Full Member Status!

Now would you consider a trip to North Korea? Darn! Someone has go there and activate it!

3YØI Bouvet Island Postponed!

3YØI Press Release #4
March 27, 2019
3YØI POSTPONED

And yet! The captain of the MV Atlantic Tuna had to take a difficult but responsible decision to take a course back to Cape Town, South Africa. But the 3YØI Expedition is NOT cancelled – we don't give up that easily!

I just had a long conversation with Dom 3Z9DX on board on the MV Atlantic Tuna. The seas calmed down enough to let them do a proper technical inspection of damages caused by the severe cyclonic storm last night. Here are more details on the latest dramatic events.

On March 26, 2019, the vessel had been approaching a cyclonal storm wandering nearby Bouvet Island. The captain analyzed the latest weather reports indicating a chance to break through the storm – it hadn't been that strong at that time. Unfortunately, the storm developed and intensified in a matter of an hour. Around 5-6 o'clock GMT, just 70 nautical miles off Bouvet island, the ship has been hit by a series of 11+ meters (36+ ft) tall waves + wind exceeding 83 knots/h (approx. 160 km/h). The fierce oceanic forces swept past the upper deck, taking one of the radars, including VSAT, VHF and HF marine antennas, off the mast and throwing them all overboard. The hit was so hard the vessel tilted as much as 45° (but that's still safe in terms of the vessel's construction).

EACH AND EVERY TEAM / CREW MEMBER IS FINE, FEELING OK AND SAFE!

With lack of the most important navigational tools, the captain declared it's not safe to navigate and they need to go back to Cape Town to secure both all participants on the board, their equipment and the vessel's gear. In addition, all forecasts for coming hours are not positive. The Team totally relies on the captain's decisions – he has more than 20 years of sailing experience in similar areas on both hemispheres. The Team did not try to push things forward and they all followed the captain's order and agreed it's better to postpone plans for safety reasons.

The ship is now heading back for Cape Town, South Africa, and once back it will go through a process of all necessary repairs and technical inspections. Once the Team estimates the necessary time to fix everything at the ship, another decision will be taken: to return to Bouvetøya in yet April, or to postpone the expedition for next coming season. Nevertheless...

THE DXPEDITION IS NOT CANCELLED!

Regardless of the final outcome of our attempts, it's clear that activating Bouvet Island is one of the most difficult and the most dangerous undertakes of the ham radio – and not only – history. Yet, the 3YØI's events will be long discussed and analyzed by the Team to "attack" the island one more time – as soon as possible – again all marked with "safety-first" principles.

The Team has dedicated more than 4 months living in Cape Town, right next to the vessel, to prepare things in person. We have sacrificed Christmas time and spent that special time without our families. And yet, have spent an enormous amount of our private funds to make it all happen for the ham radio's sake. But we don't give up, and we all know we gained your trust in our current and future ham radio attempts. We really appreciate that!

Until now, Bouvet Island vs. Hams 2:0! But that's just the first half of the show. Long live the ham radio legacy and its supporters!

Stan SP8S
The 3YØI Press officer

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From the Desk of the President

Kris Jacob, KC6TOD

Hello DXers

Thank you Scott, W6MKO, for conducting the March meeting. Of course, it is always a pleasure to have Dick Norton N6AA as a guest speaker with AARL updates.

Only two weeks until the International DX Convention. Are you signed up and ready to go? We are looking forward to a great time to see old friends and make new ones.

The SCDXC Annual picnic which will be held at Woodley Park in Van Nuys on June 2nd, 2019. Volunteers are needed. The club will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and beverages. We are asking those attending to bring a side dish – salad, dessert, chips. Let's have a great turnout.

My message is short, typing with one hand is difficult. Thank you for all the well wishes on my shoulder surgery.

See you in Visalia!

**Best of 73!
Kris Jacob
2019 SCDXC President
KC6TOD**

April Calendar

April 6	EA RTTY Contest
April 12	International DX Convention in Visalia
April 13	JIDX CW Contest
April 13	OK/OM Contest SSB
April 13	Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest
April 19	Holyland DX Contest
April 20	YU DX Contest
April 20	CQMM DX Contest
April 27	SP DX RTTY Contest
April 27	Helvetia Contest

For more contest Info see: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

IDXC Main Prizes!

Saturday Grand Prize



- K3S Contester & DX'er
- K3S/100-F 160-6M 100W Transceiver
- Digital Voice Recorder
- 100W Internal Autotuner
- 2.8 kHz High Perf. SSB/Data Filter
- 2.1 kHz High Perf. SSB/Data Filter
- 400 Hz High Perf. CW/Data Filter
- 200 Hz High Perf. CW/Data Filter
- High Perf. Subreceiver with
 - 2.8 kHz High Perf. SSB/Data Filter
 - 400 Hz High Perf. CW/Data Filter
- P3 Panadapter
- P3SVGA Video Adapter
- MH4 Hand Mic
- Elecraft Hat

Other Prizes



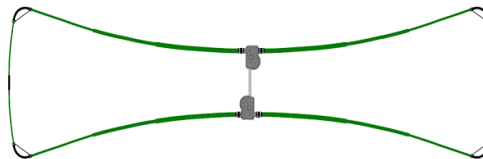
3 ea. ICOM IC7610



1 ea. KX2
Shack-In-The - Box



4 ea. ICOM IC7300



1 ea. SteppIR Urban Beam



2 ea. DX Engineering PRO-1B
Magnetic Loop



1 ea. Begali Sculpture Paddle



3 ea. Yaesu FT-991



1 ea. US Tower
ALM16
Portable Telescoping Tower

DX IDXC Attendees

Here are the DXers and their guests who will be attending this month's convention:

DL2GAC	Bernhard Stefan
DL5CK-XYL	Melanie Wohl
DL5CK-YL	Wendy Wohl
EA6SX	Mike Garcia Castaner
EA6XQ	Luis Diez Santa Ana
G3SVL	Chris Duckling
G3SVL-XYL	Jenny Duckling
G3UNA/G6CP	David Cutter
G3WGN	David Aslin
G3WGV	John Linford
G4IRN	John Warburton
JA1BRK	Tac Yonemura
JA3USA	Mac Shimamoto
JN1THL	Ken Tanuma
JN1THL-NIECE	Moga Mogami
LA6VM	Erling J Wiig
LA7GIA	Ken Opskar
LA7XK	Halvard Eriksen
M6NLK	Jill Cutter
OK2ZI	Karel Odehnal
OX3LX-OZ1DJJ	Bo Christensen
OZ0J	Joergen Roemming
OZ1RH	Palle Preben-Hansen
PU2KLM	Fabio Flosi
PY2PT	Ricardo Rodrigues
SA3AAY	Borje Nordlander
SM3DMP-W7ACN	Tom Rylander
SM3LGO	Mats Naslund
SM7IUN	Bjorn Ekelund
VA7DX	Neil King
VE6JY	Don Moman
VE6TR	Rob Brennen
VE7KW	Keith Witney
VE7SZ	Allan Buckshon
VE7YBH-G3YBH	Phil Storey
XE2K	Hector Garcia



Greet them at the convention! They travelled a long way to visit us!

Rumors on the Band

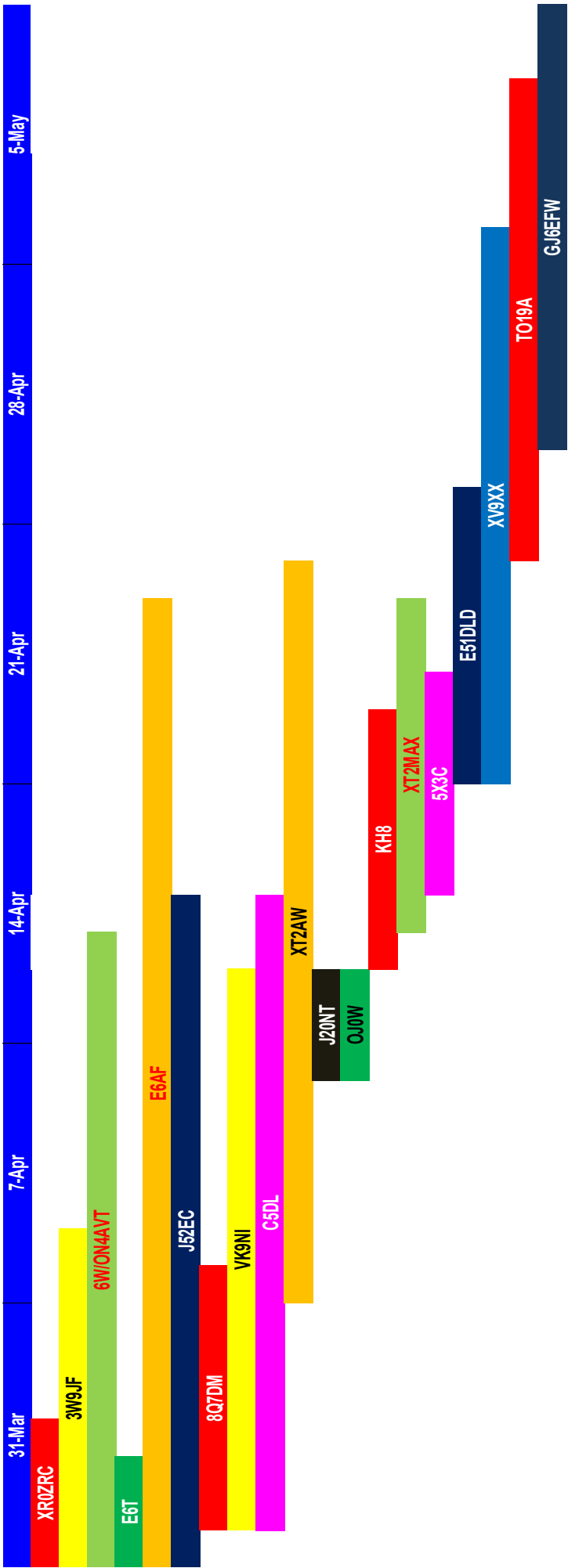
April is another great month for DXing! Don't you love the springtime? There are several very rare operations going out. Even our own club member and former president, Doug, W6HB, E51DLD will be out and about. Keep an eye out for some good stuff!!!

DXCAL.info

NG3K.com

QTH	Call	Start Date	End Date	Information
Senegal	6W7/ON4AVT	Now	30-Mar	ON4AVT 40 20 10m PSK CW SSB
Mauritania	5T5PA	Now	31-Mar	PA5X 160-10m CW SSB RTTY
Sudan	ST2/EK6DO	Now	31-Mar	JH1AJT DJ9ZB E21EIC 160-10m CW SSB FT8
Juan Fernandez	XR0ZRC	Now	3-Apr	R7AL RA1ZZ RK8A RL5F RW9JZ CE1TBN160-10m CW SSB FT8
Vietnam	3W9JF	Now	6-Apr	F6CTF 80 40 20 17m
Senegal	6W/IV3FSG	Now	14-Apr	IV3FSG HF CW FT8
Niue	E6ET	Now	2-Apr	5B4ALX 160-6m SSB CW RTTY FT8
Niue	E6AF	Now	25-Apr	SP9FIH 160-15m FT8 RTTY SSB
Guinea Bissau	J52EC	Now	15-Apr	IZ3BUR HF SSB
Maldives	8Q7DM	1-Apr	7-Apr	SP3DX 20-10m FT8 SSB
Norfolk Isl	VK9NI	1-Apr	14-Apr	K3QB VK3HJ VK2PN VK3BDX HF CW SSB
Gambia	C5DL	1-Apr	15-Apr	DH7KU DK1BT DL6SAK DL7DF DL7UFR SP3CYY 160-10m CW SSB Digi
Burkina Faso	XT2AW	7-Apr	26-Apr	DF2WO 160 - 80m CW SSB RTTY FT8
Djibouti	J20NT	13-Apr	14-Apr	EA3NT HF
Market Reef	OJ0W	13-Apr	14-Apr	OH3WS 60 30m CW SSB
Djibouti	J20DX	16-Apr	21-Apr	MM0NDX MM0OKG EA3NT 80-10m CW SSB
Am. Samoa	KH8	16-Apr	22-Apr	OZ0J (KH8/OZ0J) OZ1RH (KH8/OZ1RH)
Burkina Faso	XT2MAX	17-Apr	25-Apr	DK1MAX HF CW FT8
Kosovo	Z66Z	18-Apr	22-Apr	OZ1AA OZ7AM 80-10m CW SSB FT8
S. Cook Isl.	E51DLD	21-Apr	28-Apr	W6HB 160-10m SSB
Vietnam	XV9XX	27-Apr	4-May	JL8AQH 40-17m CW
Reunion Isl	TO19A	27-Apr	8-May	9A2AA 9A7Y 9A2NA 9A8RA 9A3EME 9A3CJW 9A3MR
Jersey Isl.	GJ6EFW	30-Apr	5-May	ON6EF ON4JW ON6VJ ON3DMR ON4AFW ON7VM ON8WR ON1BN; SSB CW Digi

DX for April



DX Standings

Congratulations to Jerry, K6QU, for fiercely attacking! Jerry has DXCC on 6 bands but not of the bands for 5BDXCC! It isn't 40 meters or 80 meters that is giving Jerry grief. It is 10 meters! Well, there are brief openings on 10 meters and with FT8 possibly some sporadic E paths. If that doesn't do the trick it will be a few years before 10 meters takes off. Jerry we are pulling for you!

Your Logbook DXCC Account (K6QU - UNITED STATES)

Account Status

DXCC Award	New LoTW QSLs	LoTW QSLs in Process	DXCC Credits Awarded	Total (All)	Total (Current)
Mixed *	0	0	329	329	323
CW *	0	1	266	267	267
Phone *	0	1	190	191	191
Digital *	0	10	106	116	116
160M	0	9	21	30	30
80M	0	2	98	100	100
40M *	0	3	189	192	192
30M *	0	4	157	161	161
20M *	0	7	239	246	246
17M *	0	4	150	154	154
15M *	0	0	119	119	119
12M	0	0	53	53	53
10M	0	0	52	52	52
6M	0	0	1	1	1
Challenge *	0	29	1079	---	1108

* - Award has been issued

The WAZ standings have been updated. Please check and make sure your numbers are correct. If you are a member and do not see your WAZ standings drop me a note with the numbers.

Send any updates to:

N6RV@SCDXC.org

SCDXC WAZ and DXCC Standings

The first WAZ column is the confirmed zone count on 10 bands 160 - 6 (less 60 meters). The second column is the regular 5BWAZ confirmed count. The following are the codes that follow the two columns and indicate the awards:

M Mixed
P Phone
C CW
R RTTY
5 5 Band

SCDXC DXCC Standings										WAZ Standings				
Rank	Call	Total	Current	Slots	Rank	Call	Total	Current	Slots	Rank	Call	11B	5B	Awards
1	W6KH	389	340		61	N6AX	327	327	1198	1	K6ND	378	200	M/5
2	K6KII	387	340		62	AC6DX	322	320	1887	2	W6SR	378	200	M/P/C/5
3	JA1BK	383	340	3147	63	KJ6Y	321	321	1312	3	K6FG	368	200	M/P/C/R/5
4	K6YRA	378	340	2272	64	N6NPG	319	319		4	WA5VGI	358	200	M/P/C/5
5	OH2BH	377	340		65	K7MY	319	317	831	5	EJ7SA	357	200	M/5
6	ON4UN	373	340	1975	66	AK6I	317	317		6	W8DX	357	200	M/5
7	N6UC	368	339		67	W1YL	315	315		7	N6AW	355	200	M/P/C/5
8	DJ9ZB	365	340	2665	68	KC6T	314	314		8	K6YUI	353	200	M/P/C/R/5
9	K6YUI	365	340	2598	69	N6GP	314	292	1583	9	NS6C	345	200	
10	W6BCQ	365	339	1600	70	W6HB	311	311	1029	10	K6YRA	337	200	P/5
11	NS6C	361	340	2503	71	N6VNI	311	309	1550	11	N6OU	220	200	
12	K6SMF	360	338		72	NK6A	303	297	957	12	SM5GMZ	352	199	
13	W6SR	359	340	2799	73	ZL3TE	297	295	1430	13	W6VX	352	199	M/P/C
14	W6HT	358	340		74	N6DHZ	295	289	1053	14	N6WS	376	198	M/P/C
15	K6FG	357	340	2774	75	K6IRD	294	292	649	15	K6GXO	358	198	M
16	K8RD	357	340		76	N6WT	282	282	1263	16	W6ENZ	350	197	
17	WA6WZO	357	339		77	N6UOZ	280	280		17	N6HY	365	196	M/P/C
18	N6RV	356	339	2131	78	KT6LA	279	277	1035	18	K6RO	327	196	M/P/C
19	W6OU	356	337	1599	79	WA6WXD	274	220		19	W6TK	326	195	
20	K6GXO	355	348	2633	80	K6VC	259	225		20	AI6Z	321	194	
21	K5KT	355	340		81	K6SS	255	225	882	21	N6MXU	155	193	
22	K6IPV	355	335	1800	82	W3SE	249	244	754	22	N6RV	347	190	M/P/C
23	N6QQ	354	338	2178	83	W6DOE	244	244	1005	23	KC6X	320	189	
24	W6IRD	354	338		84	KQ6K	243	243		24	N6QQ	337	187	
25	W6TJI	354	337		85	N6VOH	243	222		25	KM6HB	316	186	
26	W8DX	352	339	2517	86	W6LEN	236	236	771	26	AC6DX	321	185	
27	W6RW	351	337	1991	87	K6JEY	234	234		27	W6YOO	308	185	
28	W6TK	350	340	1945	88	N6HE	233	225	642	28	KR6C	324	184	
29	W6YOO	350	340	2130	89	N6AA	222	222		29	W6DR	316	184	
30	KC6X	350	339	2081	90	W6WVW	220	220	691	30	N6GP	304	184	
31	N6WS	351	339	2211	91	K6RI	219	219	426	31	W6OU	297	184	
32	N7NR	350	329	1127	92	K6AWB	219	219		32	K7ACZ	308	183	
33	W6KK	349	340	1864	93	K6DDJ	214	211	551	33	AA6PW	291	181	
34	W6ENZ	349	339	2383	94	NE6V	213	213	663	34	N6VNI	299	178	
35	W6VX	349	339	2772	95	W6KC	203	202	589	35	ZL3TE	294	178	
36	WA5VGI	348	340	2699	96	W0PE	201	201		36	K6KII	191	177	
37	N6HC	348	340	2280	97	W6JEA	195	195		37	KT6LA	233	173	
38	K6ND	348	339	2562	98	N6PM	192	191	618	38	K0OK	286	173	
39	N6IC	347	337		99	N6LL	169	169		39	K6SY	246	173	
40	N6HY	345	337	2424	100	KF6I	166	166		40	W6ZPL	237	173	
41	W6FL	345	331	1223	101	K7LA	160	160	365	41	KJ6Y	261	172	
42	KR6C	344	338	1985	102	W6EA	152	152		42	N6WT	298	164	
43	K6LPO	344	331	1236	103	W6QE	149	149	224	43	N6DHZ	241	162	
44	N6PEQ	343	337	1941	104	N6DBF	142	142	374	44	NK6A	217	156	
45	KM6HB	343	336	1933	105	AB9A	141	141		45	W6KC	161	153	
46	SM5GMZ	343	333	2317	106	KI6RRD	139	138	376	46	W6FL	256	149	
47	N6PE	343	331	1941	107	N6CA	133	133		47	N6PM	233	147	
48	AI6Z	342	335	2174	108	N6RU	129	128	279	48	K7MY	227	141	
49	K7ACZ	341	337	1756	109	K6MKL	126	126	185	49	NE6V	207	141	
50	N6MXU	341	331	1416	110	K6DSW	122	122	268	50	N6HE	195	134	
51	N6XT	339	332	1413	111	KC6TOD	120	120		51	K6DDJ	182	132	
52	W6SW	339	331	540	112	W6MKO	110	0	0	52	KB6CIO	192	126	
53	K6RO	339	330	2083	113	KA6D	107	107		53	K6IRD	154	126	M/P
54	W6ZPL	338	335	1367	114	K6BBC	103	103		54	N6DBF	179	118	
55	K2IXQ	337	332	1746	115	NQ6L	101	101		55	W6SW	147	118	
56	K6SY	332	322	1037	116	K6SBA	100	100		56	KI6RRD	181	113	
57	W6DR	331	326	1431	117	N6YQ	100	100		57	W6IRD	151	111	M/P
58	K6JW	329	323	1068	118	WA6MEM	100	100		58	W3SE	102	112	
59	K6QU	329	323	1108	119	N6RRY	100	70	125	59	K6RI	136	99	
60	AA6PW	328	328	1709	120	K9TAD	74	74	93	60	K6VC	96	96	M/P
										61	N6RU	132	96	
										62	W6MKO	130	88	
										63	W6EA	92	86	
										64	N6UC	78	78	M
										65	KE6PLA	104	72	
										66	KA6TTV	82	67	
										67	K6QU	94	66	
										68	N6RRY	76	65	
										69	K9TAD	61	55	
										70	K6JW	40	40	M/P
										71	W6DOE	37	37	
										72	W6LEN	33	27	
										73	K6FOD	17	13	
										74	N6HC	17	13	M/P/C
										75	KB6TKV	17	13	P
										76	K8RD	17	13	C

2019 Get Schroeder Contest

2019 Get Schroeder Leaders									
2019 Entities Worked by SCDXC									227
2019 ClubLog Leaders									251
2018 SCDXC Members									281
2018 SCDXC Leader (N6WS)									261
2018 ClubLog Leaders									292
Rank	Call	Entities	Lat Mo.	Last Yr	Leader	-Tot	-QQ	Uniques	
									11
1	N6WT	201	19	-58	0	26	-31	1	
2	N6WS	190	15	-14	-11	37	-20	0	
3	W6OU	189	13	-73	-12	38	-19	2	
4	WA5VGI	179	17	6	-22	48	-9	0	
5	N6RV	172	28	-77	-29	55	-2	1	
6	N6QQ	170	23	-84	-31	57	0	0	
7	W6TK	170	19	-93	-31	57	0	2	
8	SM5GMZ	138	13	13	-63	89	32	0	
9	K6QU	139	7	-23	-62	88	31	3	
10	K7ACZ	110	14	-103	-91	117	60	1	
11	A16Z	102	21	-98	-99	125	68	0	
12	N6PM	100	21	-37	-101	127	70	0	

1A0	4S	7Q	A3	CE9	E7	FK	GI	HS	KH0	LZ	PJ7	T2	TY	VK9L	VU4	YV0
1S	4U1TU	7X	A4	CN	EA	FK/C	GJ	HV	KH1	OA	PY	T30	TZ	VK9M	VU7	Z2
3A	4U1UN	8P	A5	CO	EA6	FM	GM	HZ	KH2	OD	PY0F	T31	UA	VK9N	XE	Z3
3B7	4W	8Q	A6	CP	EA8	FO	GU	I	KH3	OE	PY0S	T32	UA0	VK9W	XF4	Z6
3B8	4X	8R	A7	CT	EA9	FO/A	GW	IS0	KH4	OH	PY0T	T33	UA2	VK9X	XT	Z8
3B9	5A	9A	A9	CT3	EI	FO/C	H4	J2	KH5	OH0	PZ	T5	UJ	VP2E	XU	ZA
3C	5B	9G	AP	CU	EK	FO/M	H40	J3	KH6	OJ0	R1F	T7	UN	VP2M	XW	ZB2
3C0	5H	9H	BS7H	CX	EL	FP	HA	J5	KH7K	OK	S0	T8	UR	VP2V	XX9	ZC4
3D2	5N	9J	BU	CY0	EP	FR	HB	J6	KH8	OM	S2	TA	V2	VP5	XZ	ZD7
3D2/C	5R	9K	BV9P	CY9	ER	FS	HB0	J7	KH8S	ON	S5	TF	V3	VP6	YA	ZD8
3D2/R	5T	9L	BY	D2	ES	FR/G	HC	J8	KH9	OX	S7	TG	V4	VP6/D	YB	ZD9
3DA	5U	9M2	C2	D4	ET	FR/J	HC8	JA	KL7	OY	S9	TI	V5	VP8	YI	ZF
3V	5V7	9M6	C3	D6	EU	FR/T	HH	JD1/M	KP1	OZ	SM	T19	V6	VP8/G	YJ	ZK3
3W	5W	9N	C5	DL	EX	FT5W	HI	JD1/O	KP2	P2	SP	TJ	V7	VP8/H	YK	ZL
3XA	5X	9Q	C6	DU	EY	FT5X	HK	JT	KP4	P4	ST	TK	V8	VP8/O	YL	ZL7
3Y/B	5Z	9U	C9	E3	EZ	FT5Z	HK0/M	JW	KP5	P5	SU	TL	VE	VP8/S	YN	ZL8
3Y/P	6W	9V	CE	E4	F	FW	HK0/S	JX	LA	PA	SV	TN	VK	VP9	YO	ZL9
4J	6Y	9X	CE0X	E5/N	FG	FY	HL	JY	LU	PJ2	SV/A	TR	VK0H	VQ9	YS	ZP
4L	7O	9Y	CE0Y	E5/S	FH	G	HP	K	LX	PJ4	SV5	TT	VK0M	VR	YT	ZS
4O	7P	A2	CE0Z	E6	FJ	GD	HR	KG4	LY	PJ5	SV9	TU	VK9C	VU	YV	ZS8

Chart Legend	
White / Green	Entity Worked This Year by a Member
Black / White	Very Active Entity Not Yet Worked
Black / Blue	Entity with Announced DXpedition
Black / Yellow	Rarely Active Entity Not Yet Worked
Black / Red	Inactive Entity
	Deleted Entity

March broke the 200 mark! Kent, N6WT is sitting at 201 entities worked in 3 months! This month the club added 14 entities to its total bringing it up to 227, 81% of last years total. ClubLog leaders added 13 bringing their totals up to 251, 86% of last years total. The next few months will bring additional entities before the summer doldrums. Look out for the 6 meter Es season!

160 meters and 6 meters were fairly static this month with little increase on 160 meters. FT-8 is still the hero allowing contacts on paths that are not available in the other modes.

Hopefully when we take the foot off of the peddle for the IDXC in two weeks the count will not suffer as well as the gap between the SCDXC members and the ClubLog leaders!

Bill Shell asked:

"I've been concentrating on band/zones for the past several months, and I was just looking at my totals in CLubLog. I've only progressed in getting confirmation, and not so much on new band/zones. In the past 12-months, I've worked 322 band/zones. When I compare 322 to the all-time totals for the club members, I would be in eighteenth place. Am I the only one chasing zones?"

What say you? Are we chasing slots?

SCDXC Worked Not CLubLog

KH8

ClubLog Worked Not SCDXC

5A	CE0Y	KH0	V6	YI
5U	E4	OH0	VP2V	YJ
8Q	EP	S2	XT	
9N	FP	TJ	XU	
A2	J2	TN	XZ	
C9	JY	TT	YA	

2019 Get Schroeder Contest

SCDXC Get Schroeder Standings 2019																2019 SCDXC Slot Leaders			160M SCDXC Standings			6M SCDXC Standings		
Rank	Call	160	80	60	40	30	20	17	15	12	10	6	Total	Slots	Yrs	Rank	Call	Slots						
1	N6WT	10	54	7	117	81	148	39	39	2	3	1	201	501	5	1	N6QQ	572	1	N6QQ	4			
2	W6OU	8	16	0	52	19	119	34	12	0	0	0	190	260	56	2	N6WS	565	2	N6WS	3			
3	N6WS	50	53	34	117	48	155	55	39	8	3	3	189	565	55	3	N6WT	501	3	KF6I	3			
4	WA5VGI	40	0	0	39	22	137	54	14	0	0	1	179	307	35	4	W6TK	471	4	N6RV	2			
5	W6TK	14	52	0	96	40	156	61	45	7	0	0	172	471	62	5	K6QU	414	5	N6GP	2			
6	N6QQ	16	38	8	134	105	126	59	58	10	14	4	170	572	62	6	N6RV	404	6	KM6HB	2			
7	N6RV	0	0	0	118	50	134	41	54	0	5	2	170	404	51	7	SM5GMZ	383	7	N6WT	1			
8	K6QU	28	58	0	66	71	100	63	24	3	1	0	138	414	5	8	WA5VGI	307	8	WA5VGI	1			
9	SM5GMZ	50	77	0	64	48	81	52	11	0	0	0	138	383	50	9	W6OU	260	9	N6QQ	16			
11	K7ACZ	6	8	0	24	11	98	8	0	0	0	0	110	155	50	10	N6PM	222	10	W6TK	14			
12	AI6Z	1	11	0	37	0	95	4	23	0	0	0	102	171	26	11	AI6Z	171	11	N6WT	10			
13	N6PM	6	52	33	26	20	45	23	14	2	1	0	101	222	25	12	K6FG	160	12	W6OU	8			
14	W6DR	51	15	3	50	1	19	0	12	0	0	0	83	151	39	13	K7ACZ	155	13	N6PM	6			
15	K6FG	25	28	0	29	3	51	9	15	0	0	0	78	160	63	14	W6DR	151	14	K7ACZ	6			
16	NS6C	20	25	0	29	15	29	6	6	0	0	0	78	130	62	15	N6HE	146	15	K0XP	6			
17	W6ENZ	25	7	0	36	6	37	22	1	0	0	0	77	134	52	16	W6ENZ	134	16	SM5X	6			
18	K6RI	0	0	0	36	19	21	15	1	0	0	0	74	92	6	17	NK6A	132	17	KF6I	4			
19	K0XP	6	27	0	42	11	23	8	3	0	0	0	71	120	1	18	NS6C	130	18	K6FOD	2			
20	NK6A	0	0	0	30	0	65	7	29	0	1	0	69	132	74	19	K6RO	130	19	AI6Z	1			
21	N6HE	1	26	0	49	1	55	2	12	0	0	0	68	146	41	20	N6GP	125	20	N6HE	1			
22	K6RO	0	3	0	48	15	40	7	16	0	1	0	66	130	31	21	K0XP	120	21	KI6RRD	1			
23	N6GP	0	23	0	24	0	53	0	22	0	1	2	63	125	30	22	K6FOD	100	21	KE6PLA	1			
24	K6FOD	2	9	0	34	12	9	20	12	1	1	0	57	100	1	23	KM6HB	93	21	AA6PW	1			
25	N6VNI	0	5	0	14	6	38	1	0	0	0	0	50	64	30	24	K6RI	92						
26	KM6HB	0	10	0	29	6	29	9	7	1	0	2	46	93	28	25	ZL3TE	80						
27	ZL3TE	0	1	0	24	12	16	10	10	0	6	1	40	80	15	26	KI6RRD	78						
28	KI6RRD	1	5	0	18	13	15	13	12	0	0	1	40	78	11	27	N6VNI	64						
29	W6SR	0	7	0	6	25	15	3	7	0	0	1	38	64	52	28	W6SR	64						
30	W6M KO	0	20	0	16	10	3	2	1	0	0	1	32	53	2	29	W6M KO	53						
31	NE6V	0	10	0	4	11	7	5	2	0	0	1	32	40	23	30	W6LEN	53						
32	KE6PLA	1	1	0	3	7	26	5	8	0	0	0	28	51	3	31	KE6PLA	51						
33	WB6DJI	0	5	0	16	0	10	0	11	0	1	0	25	43	6	32	WB6DJI	43						
34	W6LEN	0	6	0	16	7	14	5	5	0	0	0	24	53	41	33	NE6V	40						
35	K7MY	0	0	0	2	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	23	25	42	34	SM5X	28						
36	SM5X	6	10	0	4	1	4	1	2	0	0	0	16	28	15	35	KF6I	28						
37	K6DDJ	0	0	0	4	2	9	1	3	0	0	0	15	19	24	36	K7MY	25						
38	KF6I	4	8	0	1	0	8	2	2	0	0	3	12	28	15	37	K6DDJ	19						
39	N6RU	0	0	0	1	0	10	0	3	0	0	0	12	14	13	38	N6RU	14						
40	K6YUI	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	6	7	62	39	AA6PW	13						
41	KC6X	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	42	40	K6YUI	7						
42	AA6PW	1	3	0	4	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	4	13	32	41	KC6X	5						
43	N6RRY	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	31	42	N6RRY	5						
44	W6KC	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	59	43	W6KC	5						
45	K9TAD	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	3	12	44	K9TAD	3						
46	W6SW	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	40	45	W6SW	1						

How to Improve Your OQRS Return Rate

Bill Shell, N6WS

In August of last year, while viewing at my OQRS information on ClubLog.com, I noticed I had unanswered requests older than three months. The 'Outbound OQRS' selection on the OQRS page showed that of my 143 OQRS requests I had several requests older than 3 months that had not been fulfilled. What really caught my attention was some of the missing cards were those I needed for improving my Band/Zone total.

I mentioned this at one of our local 'Retired Ham Lunches', and found some in the group had noticed they were missing OQRS responses, also. So, after the extended conversation that spawned from our mutual revelation, I was encouraged to try to improve my OQRS return-rate.

In reviewing the ClubLog data for my outstanding requests I noticed both the QSL Manager and the PayPal funds recipient email addresses were present on the ClubLog.com Webpage. I decided to send emails to the addresses with the QSO and OQRS payment information, and ask for the status of my QSLs. I also offered that I would accept a LoTW confirmation in lieu of a QSL. The responses to my emails varied;

Some responded immediately telling me my card was in the mail.

Two opted for LoTW confirmations.

Some didn't respond to my email, but I did receive the card after a couple of weeks.

One sent me a card for one QSO of three confirmations requested.

Only one didn't respond, and I have not received that card.

The process I used to list the OQRS return delinquencies was quite easy using the tools in ClubLog and the DXLab application DXKeeper. The ClubLog view alone does not give an accurate view of the response rate. If you request several confirmations for a station and receive one, the status reflected on ClubLog is a completed OQRS request.

This is the process I used to organize my list of those non-responsive QSL Managers.

1. I filtered my log in DXKeeper to list all OQRS requests for which there was no QSL or LoTW confirmation received. The SQL filter I used was:

```
(QSL_SENT_VIA = "E") AND ((QSL_Rcvd <> "Y") AND (APP_DXKeeper_LotW_QSL_RCVD <> "Y"))
```

2. I exported that log view using the "Export tab-delimited file" option on the Export QSOs tab in DXKeeper.

3. I then imported that file into a spreadsheet.

4. I manually deleted all requests that were made in the past three months.

5. From the remaining list, was able to look up each callsign on ClubLog that was delinquent or only partially satisfied. The information in ClubLog OQRS page has the email address of QSL (OQRS) Manager. In an email to each listed station I cited the QSO information, date and transaction number of the PayPal payment, and ask for status of their response to my OQRS request.

Most of my emailing was at the end of November and beginning of December. Over the past two months, I have received several of the QSL cards that were delinquent prior to that email effort.

I am somewhat disappointed it takes this added effort to have an acceptable return rate for my OQRS requests. But, this added effort paid off for me. I was able to received five needed band/zones QSLs raising my confirmed band/zones count to 378. If anyone needs help in analyzing their logs to go after delinquent OQRS requests, contact me, and I will try to assist you.

Bottom Line: This process worked for me, and I will now monitor my OQRS requests more closely. I will query those operators and QSL Managers on a monthly basis for OQRS requests older than three months.

Only the Deserving

Courtesy of WA6AUD & VE1DX

(Does this sound familiar to anyone? No matter how things change there is nothing new under the sun!... Ed)

One of the Local QRPers came by the other day, carrying a large envelope and a heavy burden. "What have you got in the envelope?", we asked. "My DXCC certificate", the QRPer replied sadly, "with all my endorsement stickers up to 175. Got it a few days ago from the league." We were at a loss to understand the forlorn look on the QRPer's face, for he had been one of the more enthusiastic operators during the past few years. "What's wrong?", we asked, "Haven't you been looking forward to the day when you'd hit the DXCC mark? And didn't you hold off sending in your cards till you had almost 200? That's pretty impressive."

The QRPer sat down and stared at us wearily. "That's what I thought. I spent a lot of time working these stations, and a lot more time chasing down the QSLs. I thought I'd achieved something . . . until I took this down to the local DX club last night. Now I don't know what to think." We were not understanding at all here. "What happened?", we asked. The QRPer was sweating a bit so we got him a glass of water before he replied. "Well, all of the Big Guns took one look at my certificate and said it wasn't worth the paper it was printed on. They said that none of the DXCC certificates being issued these days were worth even sending for. What do you think of that?"

We had to know more, for these sort of statements were not in keeping with the amateur's code. "Why did they say that?", we asked. "They said I'd worked most of my DX from information I got off the packet cluster!", the QRPer said, jumping to his feet and downing his water in one gulp. "They said I was spoon feed the DX, that I didn't earn it by tuning around. They said that when they got their DXCC, they didn't have packet clusters. They did it the hard way and that I wasn't a real DXer at all!" He sat back down, seemingly having exhausted all his energy in this short outburst. We were properly sympathetic, for we had heard this sort of argument before. "Look at it this way", we replied, "You worked the DX using the resources you had available. You may have had help from the packet cluster spots, but you broke the pile-ups and worked the DX just the same. Take your DXCC certificate and put it up in your shack! You worked for it and you deserved it. Don't listen to those guys." The QRPer was not to be consoled. "But why do they have to belittle my achievements?", he asked, "Why do they say my DX is worth less than theirs?"

We were out of our league on this one. Although we'd heard some of the Big Guns put down packet clusters, we'd never thought about putting a value on DX or a worth on another's DXCC certificate. So, we decided to take the QRPer up to the hill to see the Old Timer. The QRPer repeated the events of the past few days as the Old Timer listened intently. "These guys who were putting down your DX achievements", the Old Timer asked, "would they be Joe and Rich, the guys who established the 2-meter DX spotting repeater about 10 or 15 years ago? And was Peter from down south of Palos Verdes involved too . . . the same Peter who set up the list of phone numbers among the DXers a few years before that? And didn't these guys work pretty much everything that moved with their 2-meter and landline network?"

"Yes", the QRPer replied, "those were the guys. Joe, Rich and Peter . . . but they didn't tell me about any repeaters or phone lists." The Old Timer smiled for a moment, stood the QRPer up and said, "They never do. Stand tall, my son! You are a DXer! Take your certificate home and put it on the wall above your rig. Remember what Albert said: All things are relative, some more so. And never forget, there are none so pure as the reformed. DX IS! It always will be. It was twenty years ago for those guys and it is for you today!" The QRPer clutched his certificate, beamed with pride and was off down the hill to get a frame to hang it in the shack.

We looked at the Old Timer for a few minutes, then remarked "You sure made his day. And it's reassuring to know that DX is one of the constants of the universe, never changing in value . . . that all our DX achievements are equal." ***The Old Timer turned around and glared at us with a look we'd rarely seen before. "Listen Buster!", he shouted at us, "real DXing died when SSB and synthesized rigs hit the market! I earned my DXCC back when we used crystal controlled CW rigs and phone QSOs were AM! Those were the Great Days of DXing. There hasn't been a credible DXCC certificate issued since the league accepted the first QSL that had SSB written on it!"*** And with that, the Old Timer turned back to his rig, dialed up 75 meters and checked into the SPAM net!

Son of a Gun! What could we say? The Old Timer liked to quote Albert when he said all things were relative, but somehow he had found an exception to the rule! We decided to go back to our shack and check our QSLs . . . we recalled a dozen or so AM QSOs in our early days. Maybe we had less than 90 to go to get a real DXCC certificate! There are always some of the Eternal Enigmas and Mysteries of the Ages that even the most experienced DXers have trouble understanding!

Tid Bits

For Sale (W6YY)

Estate of K6FR Tony Notaro has the following items for sale.

Yaesu VL-1000 watt solid state amp, and VP-1000 power supply \$2,500 with all connecting cables and manuals

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Mike forwarded this creative method for increasing your radiated power. It certainly is less expensive than a new HDX589 and probably as effective!

[Effective Isotropic Radiated Power Enhancement](#)

DX and Operating Award Tips (W6HB)

Doug Forwarded this link to AB1OC's webpage. He has loads of tips on DXing and Awards.

[AB1OC DX Tips](#)

Flex Radio to Charge California Sales Tax (W6HB & WB6DJI)

Flex Radio in Texas is going to charge California Sales Tax after April 1, 2019
On all orders

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The sessions will be on 4 and 11 May 2019

Technician 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM both Saturdays (bring your lunch)
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The FCC tests will be 10:00 AM to noon on 18 May 2019
At the start of the 4 May Technician course, the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club will give a 30 minute presentation on how to get further involved with amateur radio.

The class location is at Fred Hesse Community Park,
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Confirm your attendance to Walt, K1DFO at waltordway@juno.co

There is no fee for either course.
Taking the FCC test is \$15.
Optional Material (sold at cost)

Gordon West books with all the FCC test questions,
\$26 for the Technician and \$26 for the General

Paper copy of Walt’s Power Point charts, \$22 for the Technician and \$18 for the General

For courses sponsored by the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club, students thru grade 12 who pass their examination at a PVARC VE test session will, upon application to the Club, be eligible for reimbursement up to a maximum of \$50 to cover the cost of materials and the examination fee.

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Useful DX Sites

N0HR DXpedition Map
www.n0hr.com/wk34/

The DX Zone
www.dxzone.com/catalog/DX_Resources/

The Daily DX
www.dailydx.com/

Announced DX Ops
www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html

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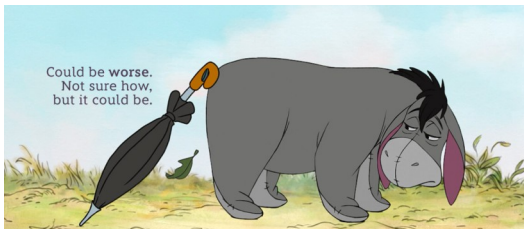
DX 425 News
www.425dxn.org/dxped/

DH9SB Weekly DX Calendar
<http://www.dx-info.de>

DXCC Year End Review Archive
<http://hamgallery.com/W1JR/>

Propagation

The Answer is Still 0!



Why do we continue to report the propagation? We all will be gone before the next peak. My tower will only poke up 10 feet above the tidewater! I will be sitting in my sub-oceanic bubble tuning in DX with tuna swimming by! My gosh! The environmentalists will be blaming me for the .000001% reduction in birds of prey because the field intensity from my antennas that they are hanging on made them sterile.

Talking about sterile. Have the overcrowding clan submitted to the surgery? Do they practice what they preach?

Happy April Fools!

ARRL VE Exam Sessions

To find an ARRL exam sessions in your area go to the website:

<http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>

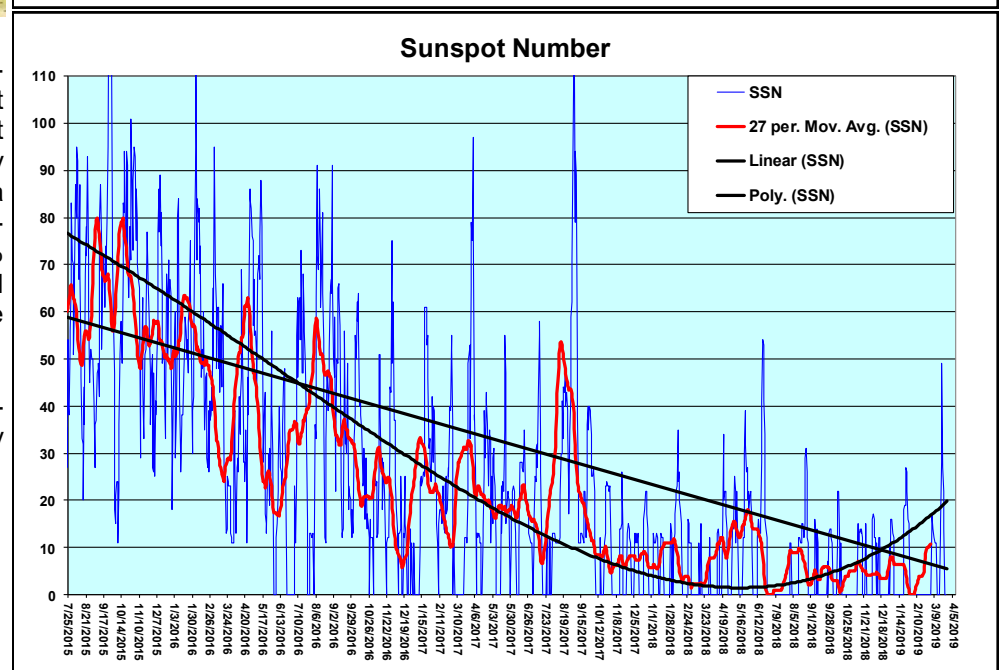
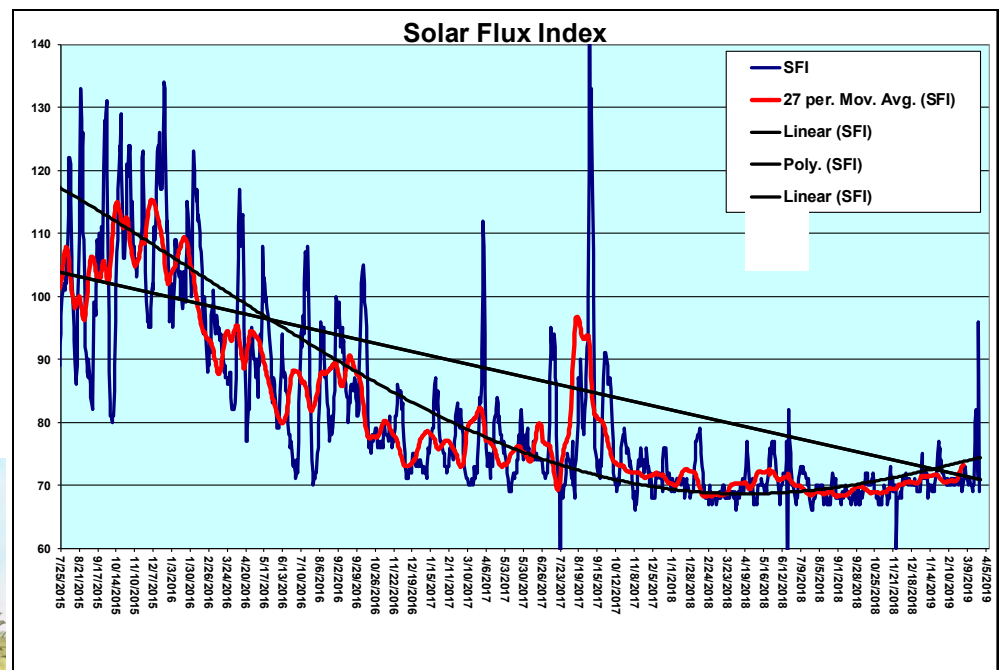
Club and Conduct Sites

Officer Guidelines

http://www.scdxc.org/download/Officer_Guidelines.pdf

DX Code of Conduct

<http://www.dx-code.org/>





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